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Clallam Bay water line breaks; residents asked to boil water

OLYMPIA — A water transmission line serving Clallam Bay in northwestern Clallam County broke today, causing 130 homes and 30 commercial establishments to lose water service.

Clallam County Public Utility District (PUD) 1 has issued a boil-water advisory for the community of Clallam Bay. The advisory does not affect Sekiu or the Clallam Bay Correctional Center. The PUD hopes to repair the line break and restore water pressure by this evening.

Clallam Bay School has closed because of the outage. The Clallam County Health and Human Services Department is working with local businesses and food establishments to help them take precautions.

When water pressure is restored, the Washington State Department of Health recommends that Clallam Bay residents boil their tap water or use purchased bottled water for drinking, cooking, washing dishes, and brushing teeth until tests show the water meets standards. Water should be brought to a rolling boil for one minute, then cooled before using. Tap water may be used for bathing, flushing toilets, and other similar uses.

The advisory will remain in effect for at least 24 hours. Once the line break is repaired, the utility must disinfect and flush the water lines and have the water tested for bacteria.

Customers who currently have water are being encouraged to conserve by taking shorter showers and postponing activities such as washing laundry. People may check the [PUD website](#) (www.clallampud.net) or call (360) 452-9771 or (800) 542-7859 for information updates.

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